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Part III

It is a time for cunning and guile. LANDO CALRISSIAN, along with his team of longtime friend LOBOT, alien clone warriors Aleksin and Pavol, and antiquity specialist Sava Korin Pers, was tasked with stealing an Imperial luxury yacht in order to pay off a past debt. Unbeknownst to Lando, the ship belongs to EMPEROR PALPATINE himself.

No challenge too great for Lando, the crew deftly escaped the pursuit of Imperial Star Destroyers only to find out too late that the yacht was protected by deadly Imperial Guards. Before the team could react, Lobot was greeted with the full force of an Imperial Guard's staff.

Now this crew of thieves must do what they can to save their friend, escape with the yacht, and survive the pursuit of a dangerous new foe....

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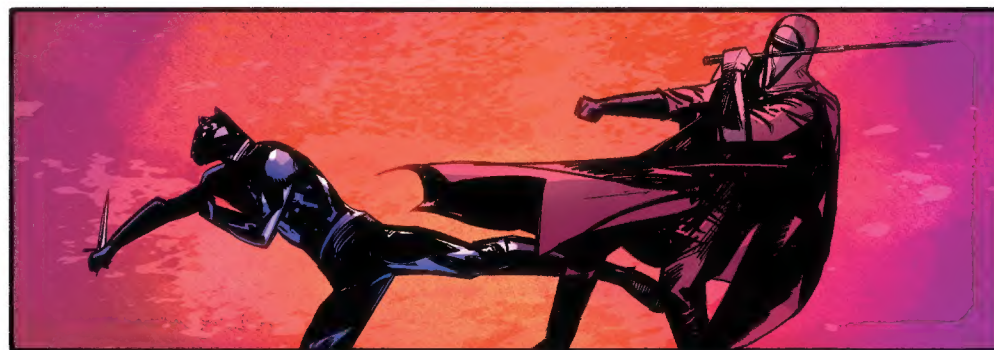
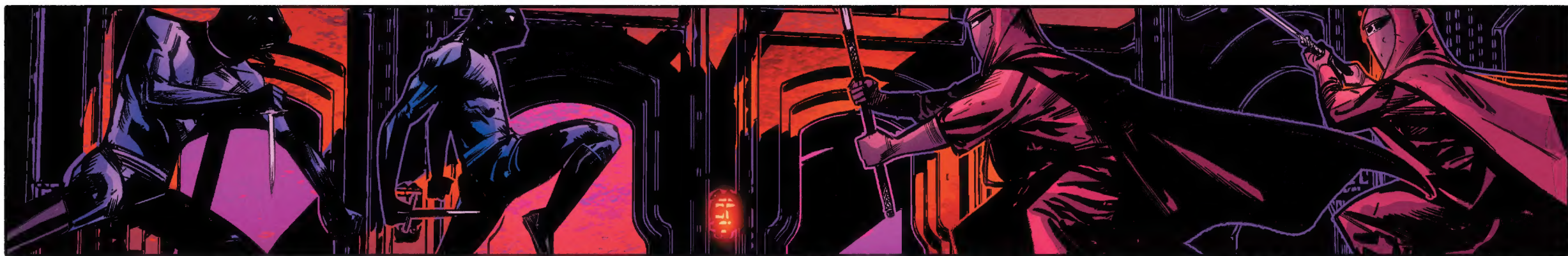
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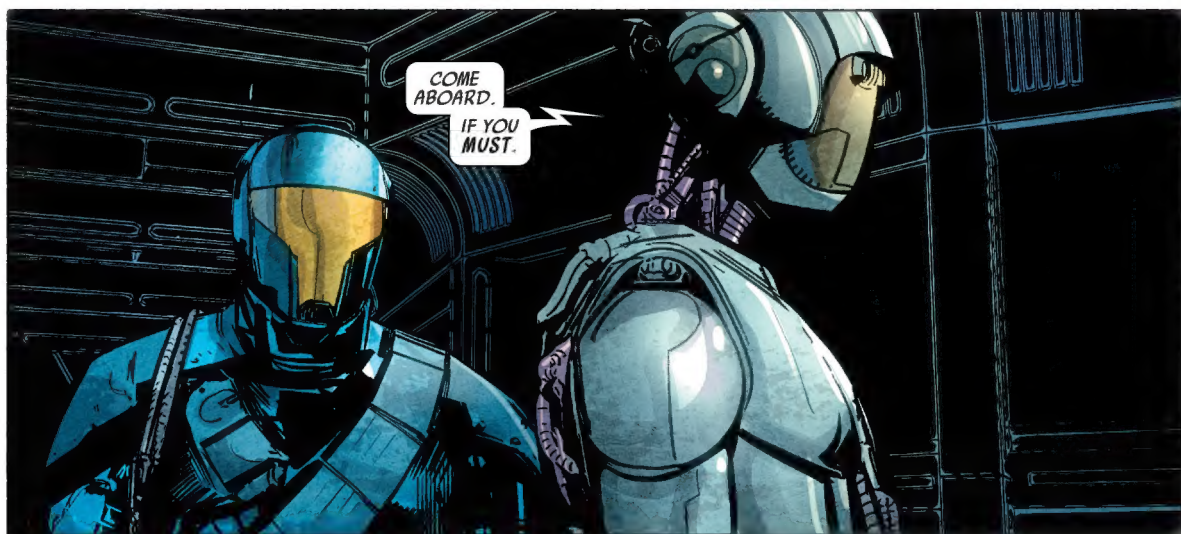
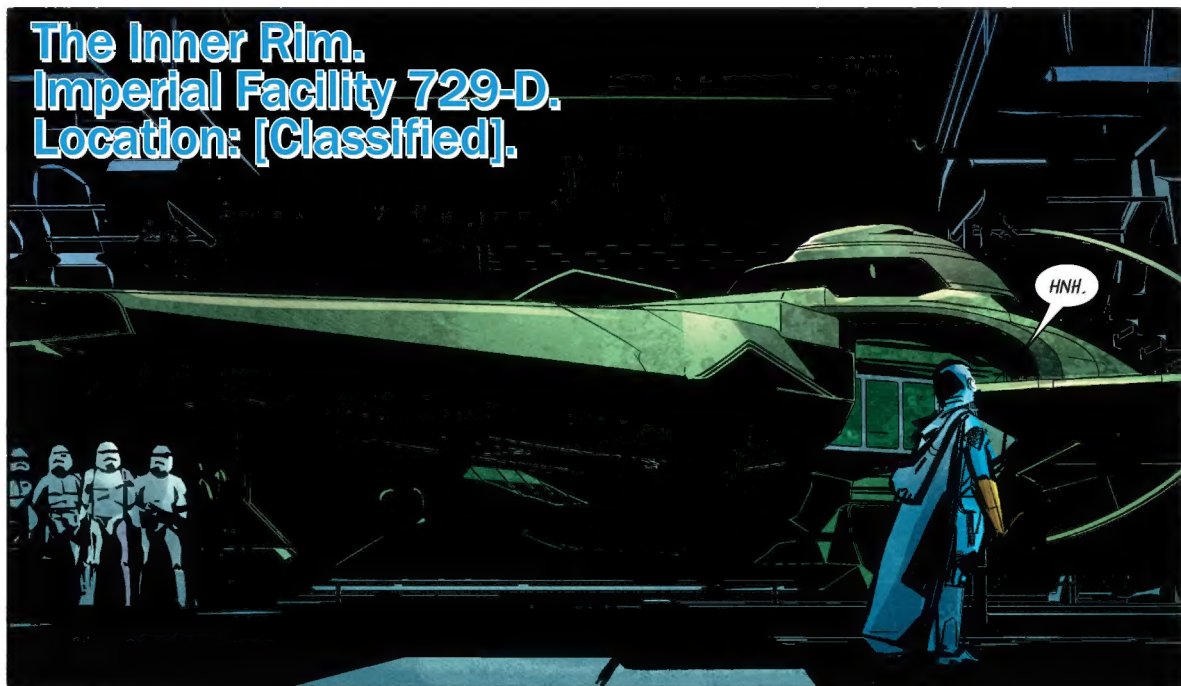
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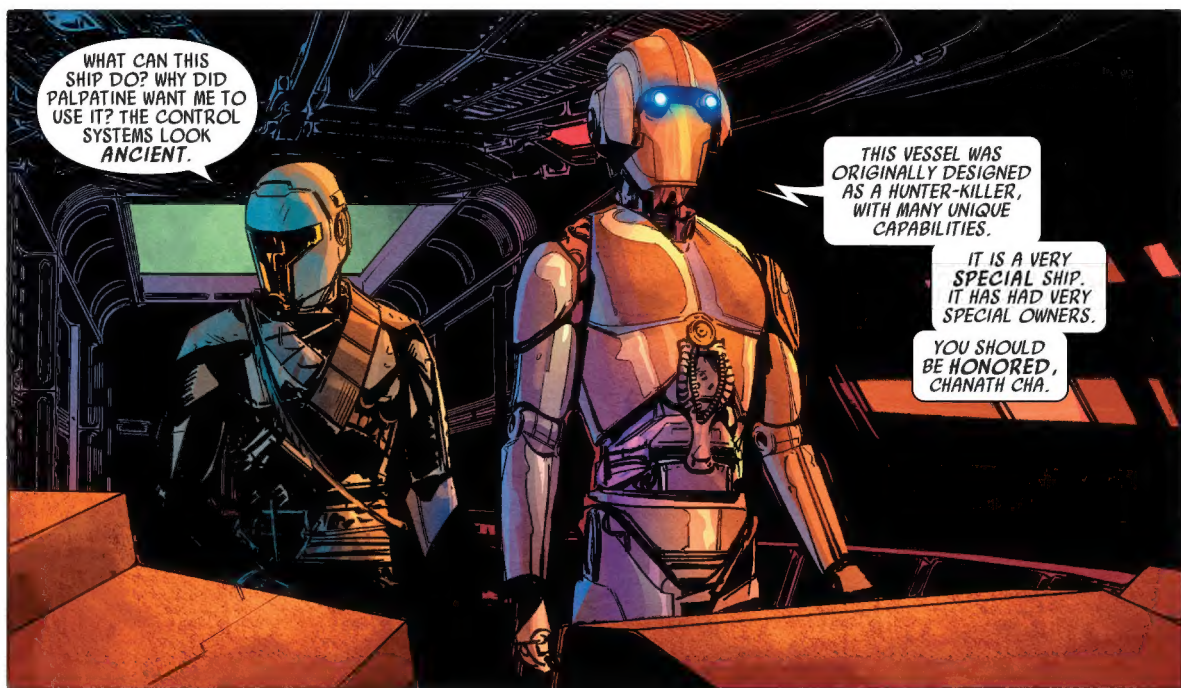






The Inner Rim.
Imperial Facility 729-D.
Location: [Classified].





WHAT CAN THIS SHIP DO? WHY DID PALPATINE WANT ME TO USE IT? THE CONTROL SYSTEMS LOOK ANCIENT.

THIS VESSEL WAS ORIGINALLY DESIGNED AS A HUNTER-KILLER, WITH MANY UNIQUE CAPABILITIES.

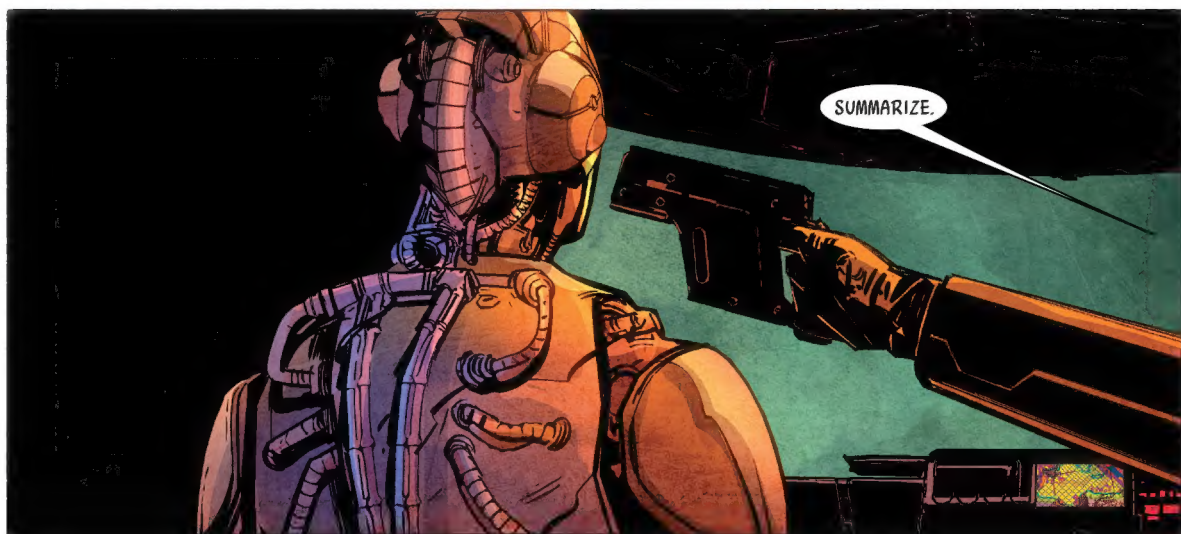
IT IS A VERY SPECIAL SHIP. IT HAS HAD VERY SPECIAL OWNERS.

YOU SHOULD BE HONORED, CHANATH CHA.

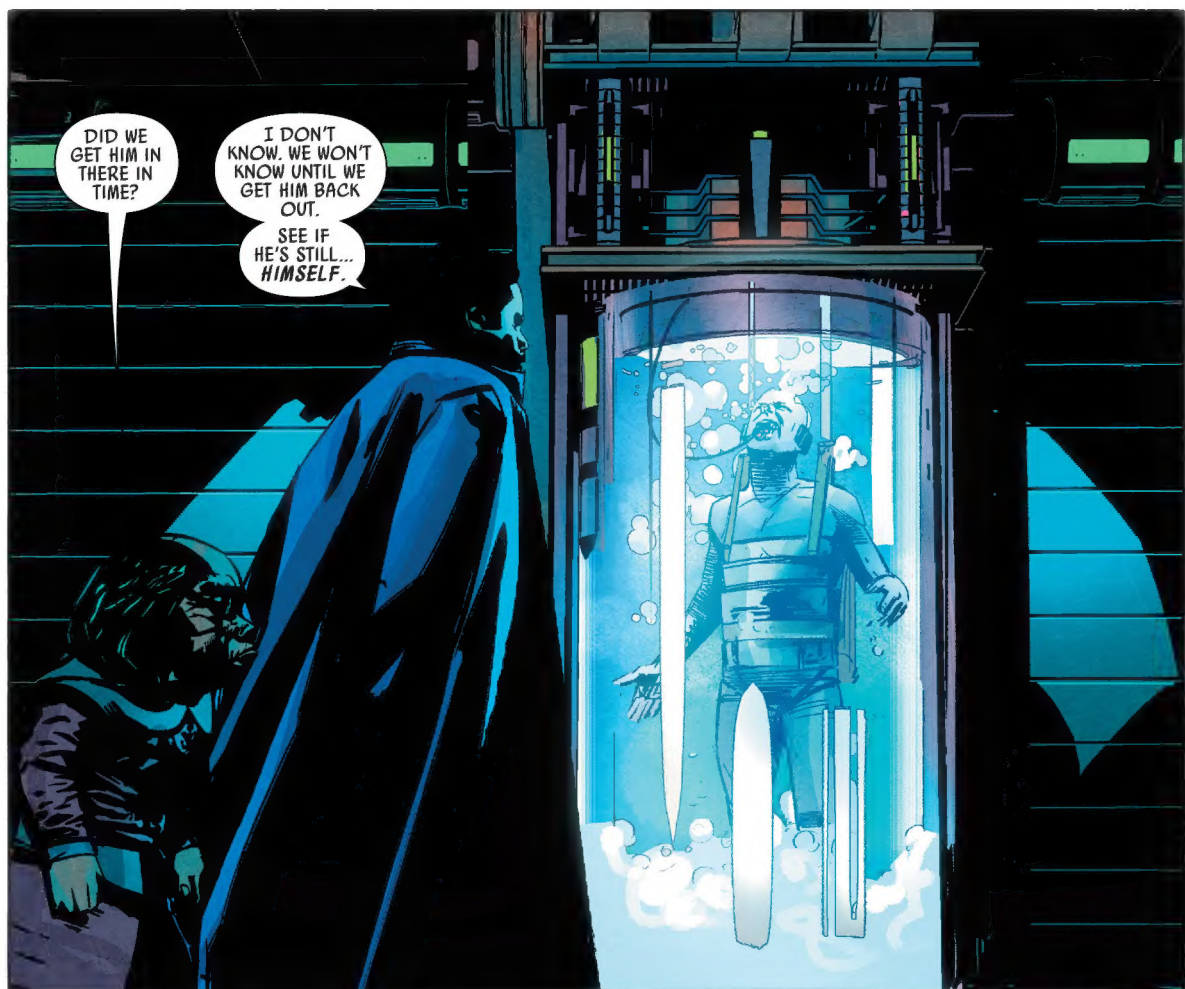


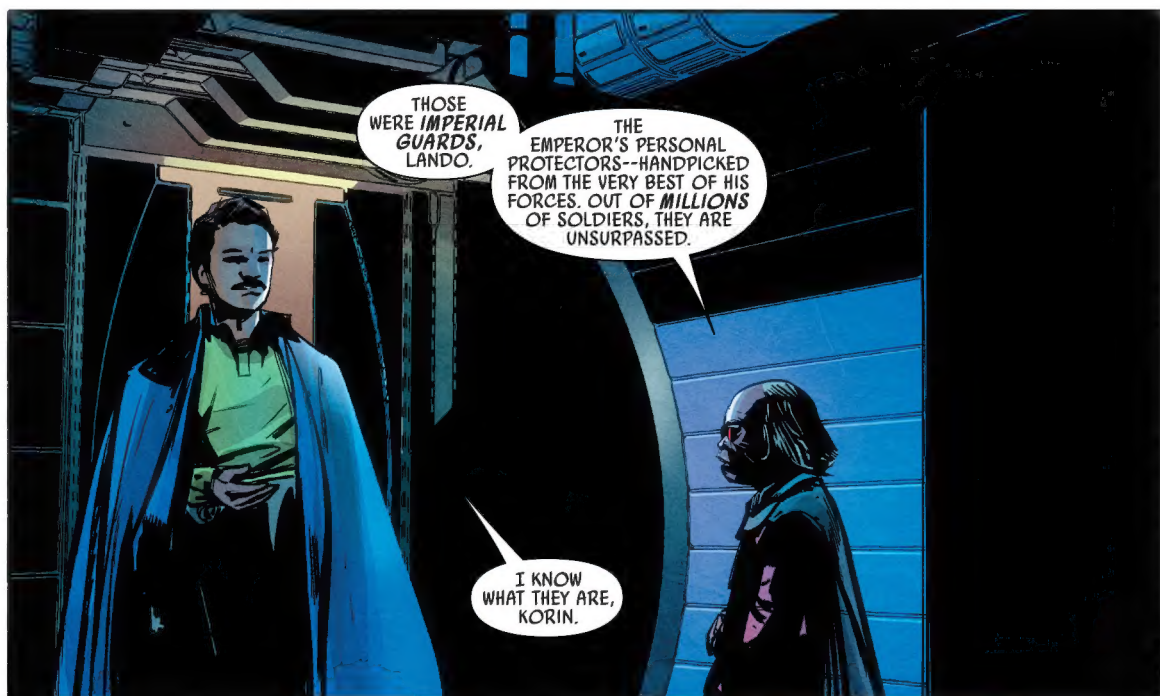
OH, I AM. BELIEVE ME. TELL ME ABOUT THESE CAPABILITIES. WHAT MAKES THIS SHIP SO SPECIAL?

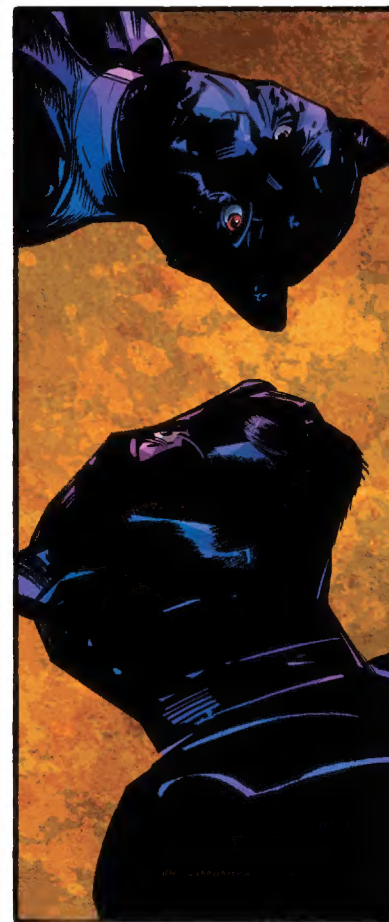
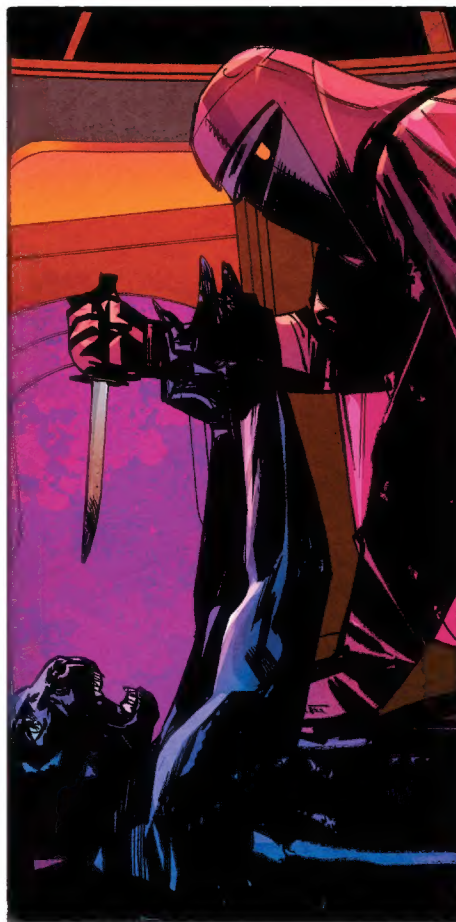
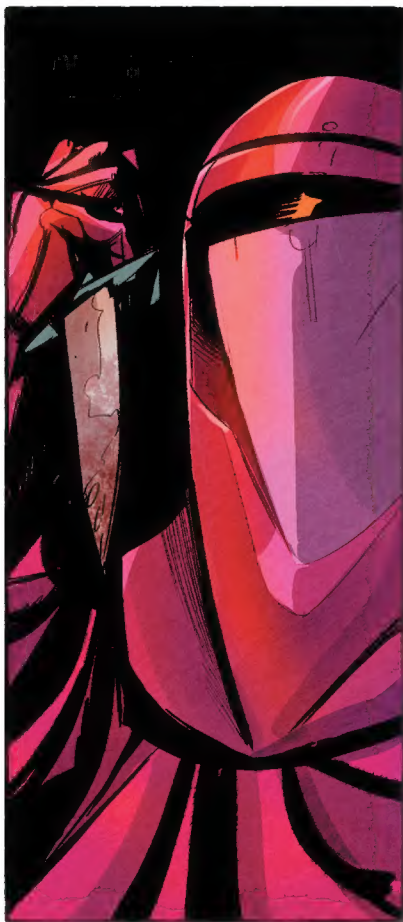
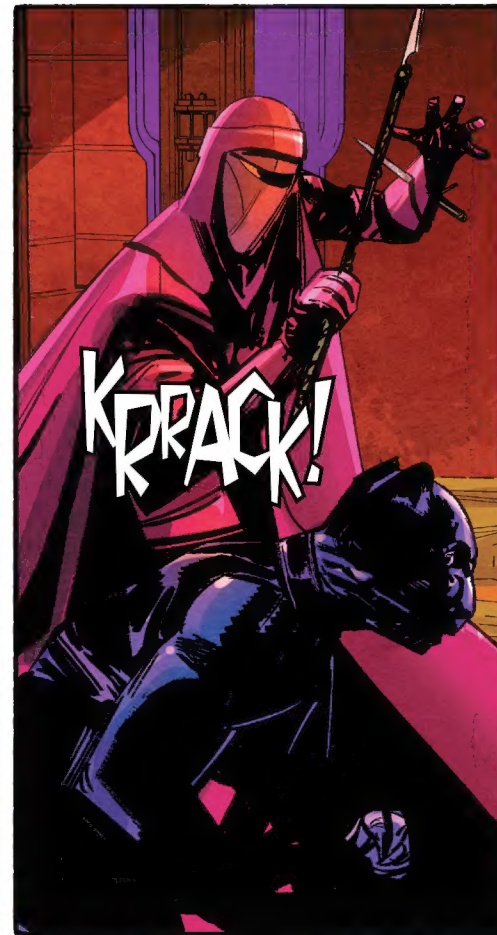
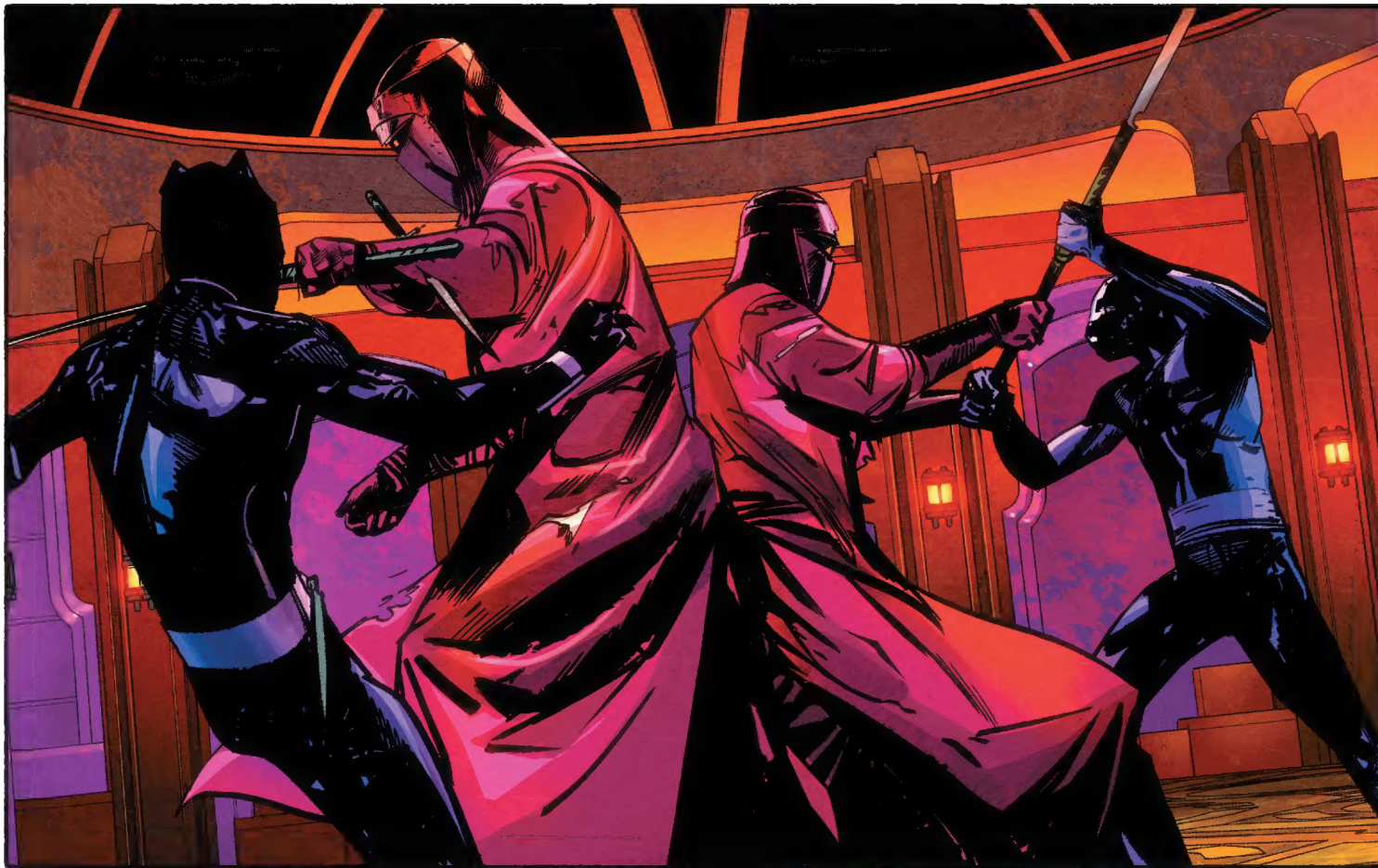
TECHNICAL READOUTS ARE AVAILABLE IN DATABASES 18, 24 AND 756. THE GLORIOUS EMPEROR HAS INSTRUCTED ME TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ACCESS TO EVERY--



SUMMARIZE.









YOU KNOW,
GENERALLY SPEAKING,
DROIDS ARE MUCH
MORE USEFUL...



...WHEN LEFT
INTACT.

I
DISAGREE.

I DIDN'T
PROGRAM YOU.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT
YOU'RE CAPABLE OF, OR
YOUR OPERATING
PARAMETERS.

BUT NOW
I KNOW YOU
CAN'T PICK UP
A GUN.



INDEED.

I AM BEGINNING
TO UNDERSTAND
WHY THE EMPEROR
SELECTED YOU FOR
THIS MISSION.

MM. YOU
SHOULD BE
HONORED.

YOU'RE
CERTAIN THIS SHIP'S
TRACKING TECH ACTUALLY
WORKS? I THOUGHT
FOLLOWING A SHIP'S TRAIL
THROUGH HYPERSPACE WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE
IMPOSSIBLE.



THE EMPEROR,
IN HIS WISDOM, HAS
CONFIGURED THE SCIMITAR
TO TRACK THE IMPERIALIS'
DRIVE SIGNATURE.

WE CAN
FOLLOW IT
WHEREVER
IT GOES.

ALTHOUGH BEFORE
WE LEAVE THIS
SYSTEM, I SHOULD
MENTION ONE
COMPLICATION.

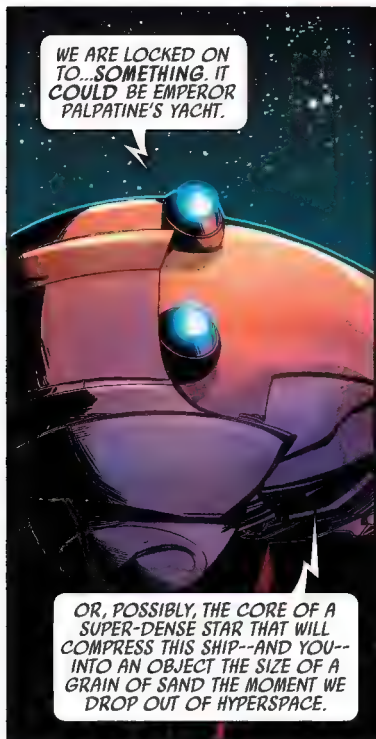


I DON'T LIKE COMPLICATIONS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE SIGNATURE FOR THE IMPERIALIS IS REMINISCENT OF ANOTHER TYPE OF ASTRONOMICAL BODY. VERY SIMILAR INDEED, IN FACT, A NEUTRON STAR.

FASCINATING. EXPLAIN WHY I SHOULD CARE.

VERY WELL.



WE ARE LOCKED ON TO... SOMETHING. IT COULD BE EMPEROR PALPATINE'S YACHT.

OR, POSSIBLY, THE CORE OF A SUPER-DENSE STAR THAT WILL COMPRESS THIS SHIP--AND YOU-- INTO AN OBJECT THE SIZE OF A GRAIN OF SAND THE MOMENT WE DROP OUT OF HYPERSPACE.



I CALCULATE THE ODDS AT--

NO. ODDS DON'T MATTER. THE MISSION MATTERS.



IT'S NOT WIN OR LOSE. IT'S SUCCESS, OR FAILURE.



MAKING JUMP TO LIGHTSPEED.

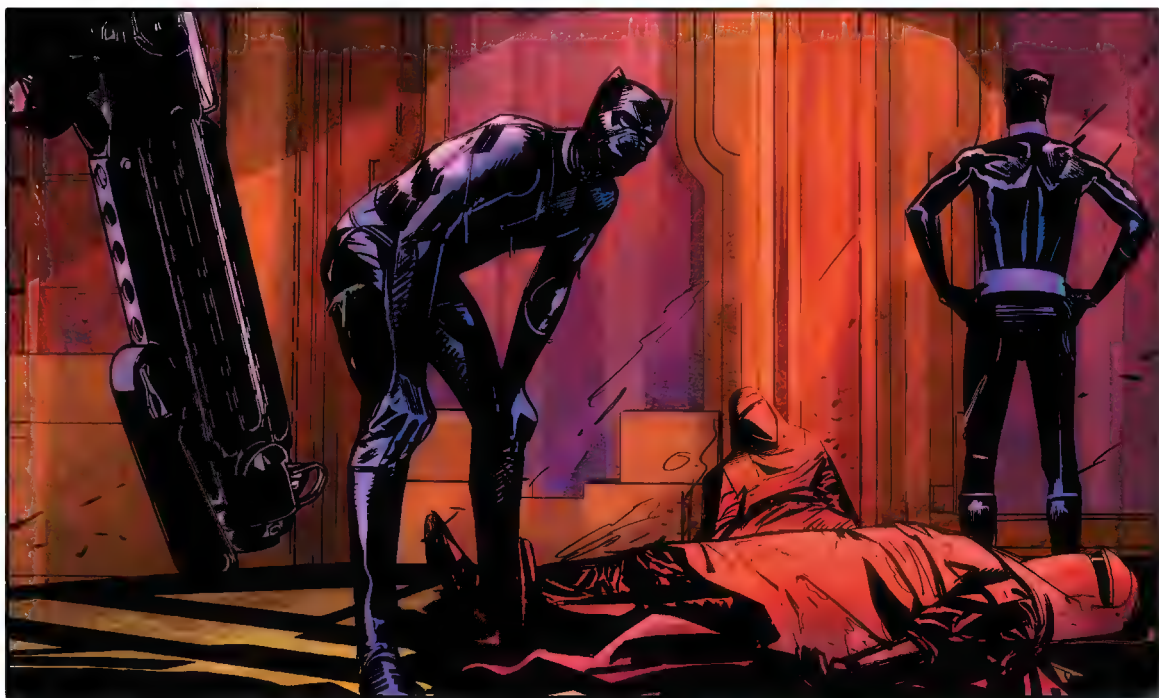
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LET'S GO FIND OURSELVES A SHIP.









WHAT IS ODD?

THESE GUARDS LOOK...
HMM. LET ME JUST GET THIS THING...
OFF...



AS I THOUGHT, THESE GUARDS HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED SOMEHOW.



UNLESS THEY ALL LOOK LIKE THIS UNDERNEATH.

THEY DON'T. I KNEW ONE, ONCE. SHE WAS... IMPRESSIVE.

PLEASE, LANDO, SPARE US YOUR HORRIFYING TALES OF ROMANTIC CONQUEST.



THESE GUARDS WERE CLEARLY LEFT HERE TO PROTECT SOMETHING VALUABLE IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER.



SHALL WE SEE WHAT IT IS?

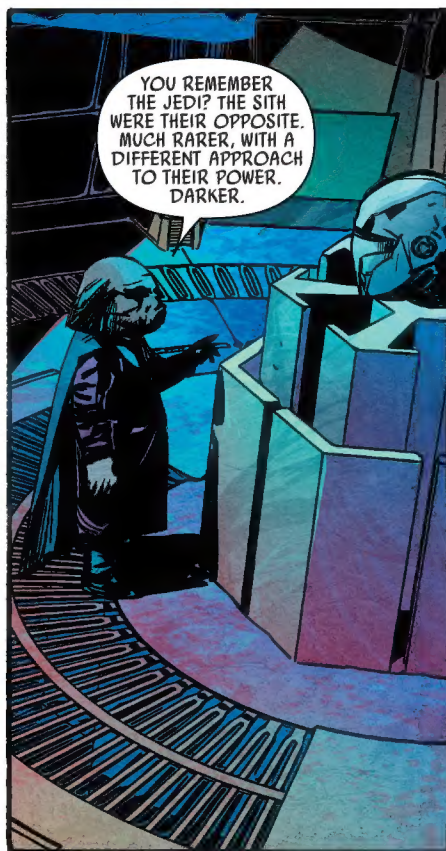


WHAT
THE...
WHAT
IS ALL
THIS?



THIS...
THIS IS
SITH.

SITH?
YOU LOST
ME, SAVA.



YOU REMEMBER
THE JEDI? THE SITH
WERE THEIR OPPOSITE.
MUCH RARER, WITH A
DIFFERENT APPROACH
TO THEIR POWER.
DARKER.



IN A
LIFETIME OF
STUDY, I'VE ONLY
EVER FOUND
SCRAPS RELATED
TO THE SITH. THIS
MUCH, ALL IN ONE
PLACE...IT'S...IT'S
JUST...WHY WOULD
PALPATINE **HAVE**
ALL OF THIS?

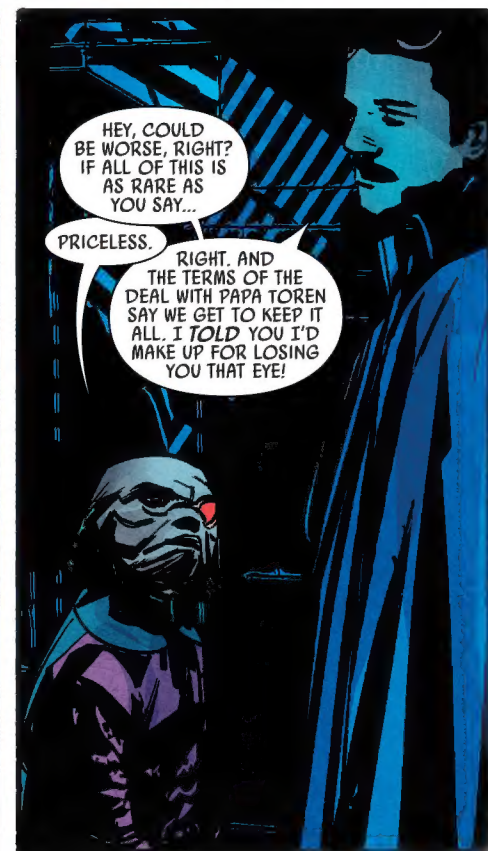
HOW DO
YOU KNOW
THIS STUFF?
YOU'RE NO
JEDI.



NO, LANDO,
I AM NOT. BUT I HAVE
STUDIED THEM. THEY WERE
MY AREA OF EXPERTISE,
BACK AT THE
UNIVERSITY.

UNTIL THE
PURGE, AND THE RISE
OF THE EMPIRE. JEDI AND
THEIR HISTORY WERE NO
LONGER A...**PERMISSIBLE**
FIELD OF STUDY. I LOST MY
POSITION AND FELL
INTO DISGRACE.

WHICH IS
HOW I FOUND
MYSELF WORKING
FOR MEN LIKE
YOU.



HEY, COULD
BE WORSE, RIGHT?
IF ALL OF THIS IS
AS RARE AS
YOU SAY...

PRICELESS.

RIGHT. AND
THE TERMS OF THE
DEAL WITH PAPA TOREN
SAY WE GET TO KEEP IT
ALL. I **TOLD** YOU I'D
MAKE UP FOR LOSING
YOU THAT EYE!





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DEADLIEST MAN ALIVE

Oroboros is the undefeated Supreme Grand Master of the Fighting Arts. Oroboros won the World Overall Fighting Arts Championship (Master & Expert Divisions) after defeating the world's top Masters of JUDO, BOXING, WRESTLING, KUNG-FU, KARATE, AIKIDO, etc. in Death Matches. On Aug. 1, 1967, the World Federation of Fighting Arts crowned Oroboros "THE WORLD'S DEADLIEST FIGHTING ARTS CHAMPION AND MASTER."

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